

# A High Performance Government

## GOVERNOR'S PRIORITIES

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*Establish the best, most efficient state government possible*

*Expand on-line tax filing*

*Eliminate separate State Patrol inspections for out-of-state cars*

*Continue to invest in savings and education incentive programs*

*Fund salary increases for state employees*

## LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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### Expand On-line Tax Filing

- ▶ The Department of Revenue's on-line tax filing system will be expanded. Work will begin on a similar service for industrial insurance ratepayers.

### Regulatory Improvement

- ▶ Work continues to eliminate needless rules. Since 1997, agencies have repealed over 3,600 sections of administrative rules, and another 2,700 sections have been amended.

### Compensation

- ▶ Providing across-the-board salary increases of 3 percent in the first year of the biennium and 3 percent in the second year, as well as targeted pay increases for critical job skill areas such as information technology and engineering.

### On-Going Efforts Provide a Solid Foundation

- ▶ Emphasis on quality continues. Since 1997, Washington State employees have completed 744 quality-improvement projects that have saved the state over \$22 million and generated over \$1.8 million in new revenue.

### Licensing Improvements

- ▶ Eliminates separate State Patrol vehicle inspection for cars from out of state. (Pending final passage of Transportation budget)

### Savings Incentive and Education Incentive Programs

- ▶ The 1999-01 Budget puts \$72 million from the education savings account into the school construction fund and \$9.2 million for endowments.

### Education Savings Account Resources

Based on Estimated Revenues Fiscal Years 1997-2001

TOTAL = \$213 Million

